in projecting national and international news is a continuing process. Though no specific study has been undertaken in the recent past, suitable steps are taken from time to time to improve news gathering system and editing to bring the bulletins upto international standards. Steps are also taken by Government from time to time to bring professionalism in the news media.

Application for censor of films/scripts

1516. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) How many applications for censor of films/scripts were received during each of the last three years, language-wise and region-wise;

(b) out of these how many films/scripts, were cleared each year and how many rejected, language-wise, region-wise;

(c) what have been the lengths of rejection in each film out of total lengths and the specific reasons for rejection of films/scripts; and

(d) what is the total number of Film Certification Boards, region-wise and how many of these are functioning?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Over 2,500 films have been certified during the last three years. A number of deletion of varying lengths are made in a large number of films. As such, the information regarding length of each deletion and the specific reasons for ordering each such deletion will be very voluminous and is not maintained centrally. The effort and time that may have to be put in for collection and compilation of information will not be commensurate with the results to be achieved.

(d) The Central Board of Film Certification has 9 Regional Offices at Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Thiruvananthapuram, Cuttack, Calcutta, Guwahati and New Delhi and all these offices are functioning at present.

Theft of costly software in Delhi Doordarshan

1517. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently there has been theft of costly software in Delhi Doordarshan;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the software stolen;

(c) the outcome of the inquiry, if any, made by Government into the theft of costly software; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Hard discs costing about Rs. 70,000/- from nine Personal Computers from the newsroom of Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi were found stolen on 31st May, 1997.

(c) and (d) The investigating team of Delhi Police examined the newsroom and initiated the investigations on the same day.

Setting up of T.V. Tower Station at Bhuj

1518. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government has sanctioned TV tower station for setting up near village Samatra in Bhuj Tehsil, Kutch District Gujarat;

(b) if so, when it was to be set up and completed and made functional;

(c) whether it is a fact that no progress for setting up the T.V. tower has been made so far; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and by when it is likely to be taken up and completed?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (d) A High Power (10KW) TV transmitter with 300M tower is presently under implementation near Samatra Village in Bhuj Tehsil. Pending construction of the 300M tower, the 10KW transmitter has already been commissioned with 100M temporary tower. The permanent tower has reached a height of 160M and permanent set up with 300M tower is expected to be completed by 1998.

Greater Projection and Representation of Regional Cultures of North-Eastern Region

1519. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposals to boost greater projection and representation of regional cultures as also sub-regional traits on T.V in the different States of the North-Eastern Region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Inspite of shortage of infrastructure and manpower, all the North Eastern Kendras telecast daily one hour regional language programme for 5 days in a week on various subjects like art and culture, rural development, Health & Family welfare, National Integration and Communal Harmony, Anti Terrorism/insurgency/ Peace/music recital etc. In addition, a composite programme of 90 minutes produced and telecast by Programme Production Centre, Guwahati including items of common interest for all the viewers in North-Eastern States and compered in English is relayed by all North Eastern Regional Kendras.

Doordarshan Director-General

1520. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan does not have any permanent D.G. (Director-General) and the present D.G. is temporary on extension;

(b) reasons for being on extension and not having permannet appointment; and

(c) by when the D.G. will be appointed permanently?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. The post of DG, Doordarshan has been vacant since 1991. A Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting is at present holding the temporary charge of the post.

(b) The post could not be filled up on regular basis as the recruitment process in the UPSC has not yet been completed.

(c) While the UPSC is still to recommend a suitable candidate for the post, the Prasar Bharti Act has been notified to come into effect from 15th Sept., 1997. In view of this development, the recruitment of DG, Doordarshan is proposed to be left to the Prasar Bharti in line with its autonomous status.

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1521. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) राज्य-वार स्थानीय मांग को ध्यान में रखते हुए इस वर्ष वी॰एल॰पी॰टी॰ और एल॰पी॰टी॰ लगाने के लिए क्या-क्या लक्ष्य तय किए गए है;

(ख) राज्य-वार ऐसे कौन-कौन से स्थल है जहां से लगातार जनप्रतिनिधि उपर्युक्त टावरों की स्थापना के लिए अनुरोध करते चले आ रहे है; और

(ग) गत वर्ष राज्य-वार जो लक्ष्य निर्धारित किए गए थे उनमें से कौन-कौन से ऐसे स्थल है जहां लक्ष्य प्राप्त कर लिए गए और कौन-कौन से ऐसे स्थल है जहां लक्ष्यों की प्राप्ति नहीं हो सकी तथा लक्ष्य प्राप्ति न होने के क्या कारण है?